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Historical Commission Minutes 10-01-2002

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday,
1 October 2002
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:30 PM

Call to Order: Robert Botterio presiding, with commissioners Jane Becker, JoAnn Robinson, Michael Ruderman, Pam Meister, and Eric Stange present.

Minutes of 3 September 2002: approved.

Communications Received

Mr. Ruderman-from Nancy McGill (781-648-6735) for assistance in researching the history of the Bartlett School in Belmont, which was founded at 34 Bartlett, Arlington.

Mr. Botterio-discussion of need to disseminate preservation guidelines, and the models of those of Somerville, Lexington, and Winchester on websites.

Ms. Becker-jurisdictional call regarding extent of landscaping and a patio on an Academy Street site; without a building permit needed, they do not figure in the 25% threshold calculation for oversight.

Related Activities of other Town Boards (Historic Districts, Preservation Fund, Zoning, By-Law Review, others)

Projects proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:

125 Brattle Lane/Farmer's Lane (Colonial Ridge LLC) 11/99: Botterio-all changes made according to plan with builder; finished and off agenda.

1167 Mass. Ave. (Mirak) 9/00: Guthrie-no report

23 Maple Street (Town of Arlington) 11/00: Robinson, Guthrie-plans received from town's planning department for renovation.

45 Fairview Avenue (Trvalik) 4/02: Botterio-no report

30 Academy Street [f. 20 Pelham Terrace] (McKee) 11/01: Robinson-no activity

24 Gray Street (V. Brown, W. Stewart) 12/01: Stange-completed.

35 Bailey Road (Weil): Guthrie-no report.

32 Draper Avenue (R. Kingston, R. Feinbaum) 3/02: Ruderman-completed.

3-5 Brattle Street (Fertman) 4/02: Stange-no further exterior activity,

468 Mystic Street (Winchester CC) 5/02: Botterio-no activity.

1 Kensington Road (Rowe) 7/02: Guthrie-revised plans call for garage to be resited away from neighbors' boundary.

5-11 Water Street (Rowe, trustee of Waterpower Trust) 7/02: Guthrie-no activity.

30 Ashland Street (Roman) 9/02: Stange-no building permit yet.

Continuing Projects

Whittemore-Robbins House (and outbuildings): Botterio-carriage house work put out to bid, as reported in the Arlington Advocate. Major roof and gutter repairs need to be undertaken in near future.

Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson-contractors have been invited to pre-bid submission conference.

Inventory Expansion and Review: moved, seconded and approved, to invite Mr. Richard A. Duffy, following on his superlative research of the Teel/Henderson neighborhood, to submit a proposal for research sufficient for possible inclusion in the Inventory of properties on Bartlett Avenue, Academy Street to Maple and Irving, Kensington Park, and lower Lake Street.

Education/Outreach: as below.

Fundraising Event: "Murder at Harvard" benefit, Regent Theater, November 19: delegation of responsibilities for planning and advertising.

Next meeting confirmed for November 12, and this meeting closed at 9:40 PM.

For the Arlington Historical Commission,
A. Michael Ruderman, Commissioner

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